UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MATTHEW P. BYRNE, Administrator of the Estate of Eileen M. Byrne,))
Plaintiff,)) CIVIL ACTION NO. 05-10861-NMG
v.)
VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC, VOLVO CAR CORPORATION and FORD)
MOTOR CORPORATION,	<i>)</i>
Defendants.)) _)

DEFENDANTS' CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 16.1(D)(3)

Defendants Volvo Cars of North America, LLC ("VCNA"), Volvo Car Corporation ("VCC") and Ford Motor Corporation ("Ford")(collectively, "Defendants"), by their authorized representative, and undersigned counsel hereby certify that they have conferred: (a) with a view to establishing a budget for the costs of conducting the full course -- and various alternative courses -- of the litigation; and (b) to consider the resolution of the litigation through the use of alternative dispute resolution programs.

VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, VOLVO CAR CORPORATION, and FORD MOTOR CORPORATION,

By its authorized representative:

Dated:

VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC, VOLVO CAR CORPORATION, and FORD MOTOR CORPORATION.

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I hereby certify that on this day a true copy of the above document was serviced upon the attorney of record for each party by mall/by hand. fasimile

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